



# Padre Island National Seashore SandDollar



**Friday, May 14, 2004**

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## **Superintendent**

Colin's schedule:

- Friday, 5/14      – In the Park; Meeting-Turtle Lab project-8:30  
Chamber event- CC- 11:30 am
- Monday, 5/17    – On Travel; Meeting w/COE – Galveston
- Tuesday, 5/18   – In the Park; Squad meeting 8:30 am
- Wed., 5/19      – In the Park; Federal Task Force Mtg. 10 am
- Thurs., 5/20     – In the Park;
- Friday, 5/21     – In the Park; Marilyn's Potluck @ 12 Noon

During Colin's absence from the park on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, Juan Rodriguez will be "acting" superintendent.

## ***Safety Notes--***

*Your contributions are greatly appreciated for the SandDollar and the safety bulletin board. Please send safety contributions to Pat.*

*Let's continue to encourage each other to be safe.  
Make it a safe day.*

MAY is a great month. Why? You ask. Because:

- MAY 2 -8 is Be Kind To Animals Week
- MAY 16 -22 is Emergency Medical Services Week
- MAY 22- 28 is Safe Boating Week

## Administration

Dispatch Vacancy: Big Bend is advertising this position for us. PAIS-E-4, Telecommunications Equipment Operator (OA), GS-0390-4/5, open May 14-28, 2004, all applications (merit promotion and general public) must be sent to Big Bend. Applicants wishing to be considered under both procedures must submit two applications; if only one application is submitted it will be applied under delegated examining procedures which are for the "general public." Applicants must be able to type 40 words per minute and typing speed must be indicated and certified. You need to identify specifically for which grade level(s) you are applying.

The announcement will be posted at [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov) and a copy will be put on the HQ bulletin board. All applications must be sent to Big Bend.

Visitor Use Assistant Vacancy: Petrified Forest will advertise the Visitor Use Assistant (fee collector) position, GS-0303-04. The announcement should be out next week. This will be advertised as merit promotion and all sources, probably under one announcement. All applications will go to Petrified Forest. The announcement will be on usajobs and a copy on the HQ bulletin board.

Maintenance Worker Vacancy: Big Bend is expected to advertise the Maintenance Worker, WG-4749-5, vacancy within the next two weeks. They will advertise both merit promotion and all sources. More information to come.

The last day of work for Christine at the VC will be May 15.

Joe Hanisco's last day is June 11.

The special need appointments for Katherine Key and Larissa Bright have been extended to 6/16/04.

Amanada Perez and Leslie Smith will be on student appointments at the VC beginning 5/16/04.

Margaret's last day is 5/18.

## UPCOMING TEL EVENTS:

DATE	DAY	BROADCAST	TIME
17-May	Monday	Retirement Planning for New Employees	2:00-4:00pm
20-May	Thursday	Managing Workers Compensation Cases - Part 2	?
25-May	Tuesday	Preparing & Presenting an Effective Interpretive Talk	12:00-4:00pm
26-May	Wednesday	Presentation Techniques	12:00-4:00pm
27-May	Thursday	Heat Loss Prevention	?
3-Jun	Thursday	The Interpretive Analysis Model	12:00-4:00pm
8-Jun	Tuesday	Interpretive Techniques/Create Opportunities for Connection	12:00-4:00pm
10-Jun	Thursday	Administrative Grievances-What You Don't Know Could Hurt You	2:00-4:30pm
15-Jun	Tuesday	Informal Interpretation	12:00-4:00pm
16-Jun	Wednesday	The Interpretive Process Model	12:00-4:00pm
22-Jun	Tuesday	Partnership Agreements	?
13-Jul	Tuesday	Grant Proposals for External Funding	?
19-Jul	Monday	NPS Recreation & Preservation Programs	1:30-3:30pm
10-Aug	Tuesday	Dealing with Misconduct & Progressive Discipline	10:00-12:00pm
10-Aug	Tuesday	Resolving Performance Issues	2:00-4:00pm
26-Aug	Thursday	Retirement Planning for New Employees	2:00-4:00pm

## TEL training

5/27 Heat injuries - reduce the risk of heat injuries  
(2 classes: 9-11:00 or 1-3:00). Contact Jeanie if you would like to attend.

The trailer will be used for TEL training on May 17 from 1:00-3:00 and May 20 from 8:00-12:00.

The TEL training registration has changed except for the Heat Injuries course listed above. For all future classes, you must notify Jeanie which course you want to take, she will have to register the site, then the employee will have to go to <http://mylearning.nps.gov> to register themselves for the class.

My Learning Manager will also have all other service wide training listed and the employee will sign up for classes/training. Once an

employee registers for a class an email will automatically be sent to their supervisor for approval.

## **Facility Management**

Reminder for the Car Wash Area:

- Please do not leave items on the concrete platform.
- When you have finished, please wash down the rinse off area.

Thank you!

The vault facility at the BIB Boat Ramp will be in operation on Friday, May 14. Both the maintenance crew and Americorps did a good job. This project will be very much appreciated by our visitors.

## **Interpretation**

The next Adopt-a-beach clean-up will be on September 18.

## **Protection**

Starting Monday there will be a new communication forum for the park called "PAIS Today." PAIS Today will focus on relevant "daily" events to facilitate everyone in the park knowing what significant events occurred the previous day in the park, what meetings or events are planned for a given day, the current day's weather, the following day's weather forecast, BOLO's (Be on the Lookout), ATLS (Attempts to Locate) and a park status section that will include info on matters like "Yarborough Pass is closed." PAIS Today will not replace the SandDollar as the Sand Dollar is intended to have more general related information and PAIS Today will focus on daily current events. PAIS Today will be produced each night Sunday through Thursday and available for reading the following morning Monday through Friday. You can read it on the N:Drive in a file labeled "Morning Report" or by hard copy located at the Visitor

Center, Maintenance Lunch Room, Ranger Trailer, or the HQ Lunch Room.

As we approach the hurricane season everyone is asked to stop by Ruby's office to get an employee ID badge. In the event of a hurricane that hits the island, Corpus Christi Police may not allow employees back onto the island without official identification. On a related matter, in the event of a forced evacuation anyone who would like to be considered for temporary housing coordinated by employees at our sister park, San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, please message Randy L. Each year employees at San Antonio offer their homes to us in the event we have to evacuate Corpus Christi. All we need to do is sign up in advance and they take care of finding us a temporary place at someone's house.

Positions in the ranger division will be opening up this following week. Permanent positions as a Visitor Use Assistant (GS-4) and Telecommunications Equipment Operator (GS-5) will be announced on USAJOBS. Both positions are announced "All Sources" so employees without status are able and encouraged to apply.

The Mine Warfare Training Unit will be conducting a mock exercise just north of the park boundary on Friday, May 14, and possibly into Saturday morning (the 15<sup>th</sup>).

Shari Butler will be attending Fundamentals II at the Grand Canyon May 17-28. Douglass Briggs and Jason Lichtblau will be attending an Engine Academy in Lufkin 5/17-20. Randy Scoggins will be attending S-390 5/18-20.

There have been observations that some employees are running the stop sign at the entrance station. The stop sign is there for safety reasons so you are reminded to STOP. Hopefully a gentle reminder is all that is needed.

## **Resources Management**

## Division of Sea Turtle Science and Recovery

**Hatchling releases will start this month** - Baby turtles hatched in our incubation facility here will be released here starting in late-May. The hatchlings are released when they are physically ready and enter their infantile frenzy, typically sometime during a span of a few days that Donna predicts. The release date predictions for the nests currently held in the incubation facility are listed in the table below. As during past years, the staff and public will be invited to attend many of our hatchling releases. However, it is not possible to invite people to watch those releases that occur when the turtles enter their frenzy at unpredictable times, during the night, or during weather conditions that could be unsafe for the turtles or people (i.e., thunderstorms, very high tides, etc.). So, to increase the chance of seeing a release, we advise interested individuals to try to attend when hatchlings from more than one nest are predicted to be released. As we near the predicted release dates for each clutch, Donna will update information about the releases on the Hatchling Hotline (telephone 949-7163). As during previous years, the Hatchling Hotline will be the best source of the most current information on the next release.

Predicted Release Dates for Nests Held in the Incubation Facility  
(note that nests 3, 4, and 9 are being held in a corral on South Padre Island)

Nest number	Species	Projected release date
1	Kemp's ridley	May 21-27
2	Kemp's ridley	June 2-8
5	Kemp's ridley	June 12-18
6, 7	Kemp's ridley	June 17-23
8	Kemp's ridley	June 18-24

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